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# THE CASE OF THE

## Miſerable *Orphans* of the City of *London*, Preſented to the Honourable Houſe of Commons.

*Humbly Sheweth,*

THat there are about fourteen hundred *Orphans*, whoſe Portions left them by their Parents, and paid into the Chamber of the City of *London*, according to the Cuſtom of the ſaid City, for ſecurity of their Portions, which have for many years been detained from them that are of Age, and ſome out of their Apprenticeſhips, who for want of their Money to ſet up their Trades, are reduced to ſuch Neceſſities, that it hath deprived ſome of them of their Senſes, and others have kill'd themſelves, having nothing to ſubſiſt with; We having Received no more then Two-pence in the Pound from the Chamber for many years paſt. Our Neceſſities are very great, the preſent Exigencies we are under are paſt Expreſſion, the Grief of which hath killed many, and others lye Sick and Want, and others are in daily expectation of being ſent to Goal for Debts, that have been Contracted for Neceſſaries to keep them from Starving.

*Theſe and many other Grievances (which for brevity are omitted) are with Submiſſion humbly offered to your Compaſſionate Conſiderations, this Honourable Houſe of Commons being the only Redreſſers of the Grievances of thoſe whoſe Oppreſſors are too mighty for them, humbly beſeeching your Honours, that you will be pleaſed to give us a ſpeedy Relief, thereby preventing the periſhing of ſome hundreds of us, which will Inevitably be before another Seſſions.*